

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on April 21, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D) (arrived after roll call)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 24, 4/18/2015

Executive Action: HJ 24, Tied vote

00:00:14 Chair Arntzen

**HEARING ON HJ 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:55 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HJ 24, Interim study of transportation infrastructure.

00:02:15 Sen. Kauffman entered the hearing.

00:02:16 Sen. Buttrey entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:45 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

00:03:20 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

00:04:56 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

**EXHIBIT**(his81a01)

00:05:14 Sen. Whitford entered the hearing.

00:07:00 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing.

00:08:44 David Schulz, president, Montana Association of Counties

00:11:01 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties

00:11:57 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

00:12:36 Pat Wise, deputy director, Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:05 Sen. Brown

00:15:19 Mr. Stang, MCM

00:15:48 Sen. Malek

00:17:49 Ms. Wise, MDT

00:18:11 Dwane Kailey, Engineering Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:18:34 Sen. Buttrey

00:19:08 Mr. Stang

00:20:19 Sen. Buttrey

00:21:35 Mr. Hegreberg, MCA

00:21:51 Sen. Barrett

00:22:15 Ms. Wise

00:22:25 Sen. Barrett

00:23:37 Mr. Stang

00:24:10 Sen. Taylor

00:25:07 Mr. Hegreberg

00:26:18 Sen. Taylor

00:26:25 Chair Arntzen

00:28:04 Mr. Kailey, MDT  
00:28:13 Ms. Wise  
00:28:26 Chair Arntzen  
00:28:40 Sen. Sands  
00:29:07 Ms. Wise  
00:29:29 Sen. Sands  
00:29:41 Sen. Barrett  
00:30:41 Ms. Wise  
00:31:13 Chair Arntzen  
00:31:24 Mr. Butler, MHP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:08 Rep. Curdy  
00:35:12 Chair Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 24**

00:35:28 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HJ 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:39 Chair Arntzen  
00:35:42 Sen. Taylor  
00:35:51 Sen. Brown  
00:36:18 Chair Arntzen  
00:36:40 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division  
  
00:36:57 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek, Sen. Sands and Sen. Whitford voting aye.  
  
00:37:35 Chair Arntzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

---

Charlene Devine, Secretary

cd

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his81aad.pdf](#))